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1. The Hungarian state enterprise Agrimpex is one of 20 or 22 import and export firms under the direction of the Ministry of External and Internal Trade. Agrimpex controls the import and export of agricultural produce and industrial agriculture products. Three categories of commodities are assigned to the three main departments of Agrimpex:
 - a. Quantitative products: grains, legumes, forage;
 - b. Industrial products: cocoa and oil, malt, hops, beets, sunflower and pumpkin seeds;
 - c. Seed products, including garden seed.
2. All Hungarian seed imports are handled by the seed department of Agrimpex. Export of seed is currently at a minimum. This department is also handling Hungary's entire produce export, due to a shortage of qualified officials in other departments.
3. The main Hungarian produce exports and imports in 1953 were as follows:
 - a. Exports: wheat, corn, sunflower seed, pumpkin seed, hemp, mustard seed, sugar, oils, malt, clovers, alfalfa;¹
 - b. Imports: low grade food oils, suet, potatoes.
4. Agrimpex representatives in Vienna sold nearly \$4,000,000 worth of agricultural products in the period 15 September to 25 October 1953. A list of products and prices received are as follows:

Corn	\$1,100,000
Refined brown sugar	1,100,000
Sunflower seed oil	1,070,000

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Rice	\$ 72,000
Sunflower seed	500,000
Malt	<u>120,000</u>
Total	\$3,962,000

5. When the Agrimpex representatives are not in Vienna, the business of Agrimpex is handled by Intrac, Singergasse 27, Vienna I.

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1. Comment. Exports of rye, barley, oats, beans and peas were curtailed because of the poor harvest in 1953.

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